

REMARKS

Claims 3-11 stand allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harshfield, U.S. patent 6,413,812.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled.

Each of the pending claims 3-11 is believed to stand in condition for allowance.

Applicants have reviewed all the art of record, and respectfully submit that the claimed invention is patentable over all the art of record, including the references not relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of the pending claims.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and prompt allowance of the present application including each of the pending claims 3-11 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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